

depends upon proposals submitted by State Governments/Local bodies. Under BSUP, 68 projects have been approved at a total cost of Rs. 4539.23 crore with a Central Share of Rs. 2359.29 crore covering 2.59 lakh dwelling units. Under Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme, 76 projects have been approved at a total cost of Rs. 831.49 crore with a Central Share of Rs. 602.71 crore covering 0.62 lakh dwelling units.

Four-laning of Gandhidam Mundra section of NH-8

*229. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four-laning of Gandhidam Mundra Section of NH-8 (Extn.) of length of 73 Km. in Gujarat has been approved by Government under the National Highways Development Project;

(b) the steps that have been taken for consultancy services for feasibility study to consider the possibility of award of this section on (DBFO) Design-Built-Finance-Operate basis; and

(c) if not, by when proposed action would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Bids for consultancy services for preparation of feasibility-cum-preliminary design of this stretch have been received by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on Design-Built-Finance-Operate (DBFO) pattern from the consultants.

More houses for homeless by 2009

*230. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aiming at sixty lakh more houses for the homeless by 2009;

(b) if so, the progress achieved so far, State-wise; and

(c) the future action plan prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Since 1998-